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#### Surveyor demands data from BP on Lake Michigan oil spill

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Although the Coast Guard said it didn't find any more oil in Lake Michigan after a recent BP-refinery spill, a lake surveyor is demanding data from BP in order to figure out whether the oil reached a nearby drinking-water supplier's source. Source: The Indy Channel (4/3)

#### Farmers hear why and how they can help heal Lake Erie

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On the same day that the Ohio House of Representatives Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee gave unanimous approval to the Nutrient Management Bill, the Lake Erie Farm Forum and Conservation Fair were held at Ottawa County Fairgrounds near Oak Harbor, Oh. Source: The Beacon (4/3)

#### Recent spill triggers closer look at tar sands shipping on Great Lakes

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Interview with Lyman Welch, water quality program director for the Alliance for the Great Lakes, talking about the issues concerning transportation of crude oil on the Great Lakes and the oil spill in Lake Michigan in Whiting, Ind. Source: Great Lakes Echo (4/3)

#### Coast Guard warning people to stay off ice

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The Coast Guard is issuing a warning Wednesday about increasingly warm temperatures that will increase the possibility of weakened ice across the Great Lakes region. Source: Up North Live (4/3)

#### Breaking Montreal's icy economy

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The ice-covered St. Lawrence seaway has grounded cargo vessels waiting to ship merchandise between St-Lambert and the Great Lakes and five Canadian Coast Guard ice breakers and a hovercraft were dispatched to break ice that is three to five feet thick. Source: Global News (4/2)

#### Army Corps of Engineers wants resolution to Cleveland harbor dredging problems

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers experts are in Cleveland seeking a scientific consensus on how to safely dispose of sediment that's dredged from Cleveland harbor to keep it deep enough to service commercial ships. Source: The Plain Dealer (4/2)

#### Wheatfield residents question bio-energy plant expansion

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The proposed expansion of a bio-energy plant in the town of Wheatfield, N.Y., is raising questions among residents who fear it could have an impact on their community. Source: WGRZ-TV - Buffalo, NY (4/2)

#### RSC wins grant for Lake Erie weather buoy

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The Regional Science Consortium has secured a grant to float a high-tech weather buoy in local Lake Erie waters that will provide safety data to help boaters and fishermen. Source: You Erie (4/2)

#### Great Lakes' shipping season nonexistent as Soo Locks still waits for its first ship

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Although the Great Lakes' shipping season officially started more than a week ago, no commercial ship has passed through Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., because significant areas of ice still exist across much of the northern Great Lakes. Source: MLive (4/2)

#### Biological station to get makeover

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The United States Geological Survey's Hammond Bay Biological Station in Millersburg, Mich., will get a \$6-\$8 million makeover, and the public is welcome to comment on a draft environmental assessment through April. Source: The Alpena News (4/2)

#### COMMENTARY: Georgian Bay water drop: Where did the water go?

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In the middle Great Lakes, water levels have been dropping steadily over the course of only a few generations and they show no sign of stopping, but if sills are successfully installed, things could get better. Source: Peterborough This Week (4/2)

#### Ice breakers challenged

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U.S. Coast Guard icebreakers challenged by Lake Superior ice as thick as six feet in some places are not expected to make it into Marquette Harbor for several days, delaying the local opening of the shipping season. Source: The Mining Journal (4/1)

#### See melting from space as spring takes hold in southern Great Lakes; Lake Superior still frozen

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See how the satellite images show spring progressing as warmer temperatures have taken away a lot of ice on Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario, but not on Lake Superior. Source: MLive (4/1)

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